

**BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL
FOR THE CITY OF MOSIER, OREGON**

Resolution No. 2015-04

**A Resolution Repealing Resolution 2006-03 and Adopting a New Schedule of Rates
for All Users of the City Water Utility**

The Mosier City Council makes the following findings:

WHEREAS the City of Mosier owns, operates, and maintains a municipal water system providing water to connected users of the utility service;

WHEREAS, pursuant to City's Municipal Water Code – Chapters 11.01.100, the City Council is authorized to establish, and from time to time revise, customer water rates that reflect actual costs of the operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the supply, storage, and distribution works; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this authority, on March 15th, 2006, the Mosier City Council adopted Resolution 2006-03 (Resolution Adopting Water Rates), which established a schedule of water rates for all customers of the City's water utility and the City's water rates have not changed since 2006; and

WHEREAS the City Financial Director has conducted a forecast and rate study supporting the determination of sufficient rates and revenues to sustain the financial viability of the water system;

WHEREAS, based on this forecast, the City Financial Director has determined that a three (3) percent rate adjustment is needed to keep pace with inflationary increases in expenses. The revised rates for the city's water utility are reflected in Exhibit A, attached to this resolution and incorporated herein by this reference; and

NOW THEREFORE, based on the foregoing findings, the Mosier City Council resolves that:

Resolution No. 2006-03 is hereby repealed in its entirety and shall be of no further legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all connections to the City water system shall pay a fixed fee per month based on the size of the water meter serving the connection, regardless of the quantity of water consumed, according to Exhibit A. In addition the above-mentioned fixed monthly rates, all connections to the City water system shall pay the additional fees based on the amount of metered water consumption as shown in Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the water rates provided for in this Resolution will be billed monthly to all connections to the water system. There will be no discounted, or “turn-off,” rates available for non-use of the water system, nor will rates be excused in the event of a long-term vacancy. If a user has no metered water consumption, regardless of circumstance, the fixed rate prescribed in Exhibit A shall still apply and be due each month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that water rates may be waived, for up to one year, for customers whose real property cannot be occupied due to a natural disaster, such as fire or flood. Upon re-occupation or at the end of the first year, water rates provided for in this Resolution shall apply.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will provide a credit to a user’s water bill once every two years in the event of excessive water use caused by a plumbing leak. In order to receive a bill adjustment, the user must provide to the City documented proof that the leak has been repaired, e.g., a service invoice or receipt for materials. Afterward, the City will provide an adjustment to the water bill by recalculating charges associated with the volume rates for up to six months. The City will apply the prevailing volume rates to the user’s average monthly water consumption prior to the leak as calculated by the billing software. In the event that history is not available for the user, volume rates will be applied to an assumed monthly consumption of 7,500 gallons, in order to calculate an adjusted bill. The leak adjustment will not apply to a user’s fixed charges, which will be billed as normal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that delinquent water fees that remain unpaid for 30 days after they become due shall become a lien against the real property and shall be entered on the City Lien Docket. The City may, at its discretion, record liens for delinquent water and sewer fees that are at least 30-days past-due in the real property deed records of Wasco County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to maintain adequate revenue to match inflationary increases in the water utility expenses, the City may, by administrative process, automatically adjust the water rates annually based on the increase in total water utility expenses caused by inflationary costs. The annual rate increase by administrative process will not exceed two (2) percent.

IT IS SO RESOLVED and passed this ____ day of _____ 2015, by a majority of the Mosier City Council.

Arlene Burns, Mayor

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:

Kathy Fitzpatrick, City Manager

Daniel Kearns, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

Effective _____, 2015:

Fixed Rates – All connections to the City water system shall pay a fee per month based on the size of the water meter serving the connection, regardless of the quantity of water consumed, according to the following table:

Fixed Water Rates	
Meter Size	Fixed Rate
¾-inch	\$ 34.21
1-inch	\$ 85.52
1 ½-inch	\$ 171.03
2-inch	\$ 272.62
3-inch	\$ 547.30
4-inch	\$ 855.16
6-inch	\$ 1,710.32
8-inch	\$ 2,736.50

Volume Rates – In addition the above-mentioned fixed monthly rates, all connections to the City water system shall pay the following additional fees based on the amount of metered water consumption:

Volume Rates	
Consumption Range	Volume Rate
0 to 6,000 gallons	\$1.55 per 1,000 gallons
6,001 to 14,000 gallons	\$2.06 per 1,000 gallons
14,000 gallons and above	\$2.58 per 1,000 gallons

These rates will be billed per month per water connection. There will be no “turn-off” rates available for non-use. For new construction, rates are in effect upon installation of the water meter.